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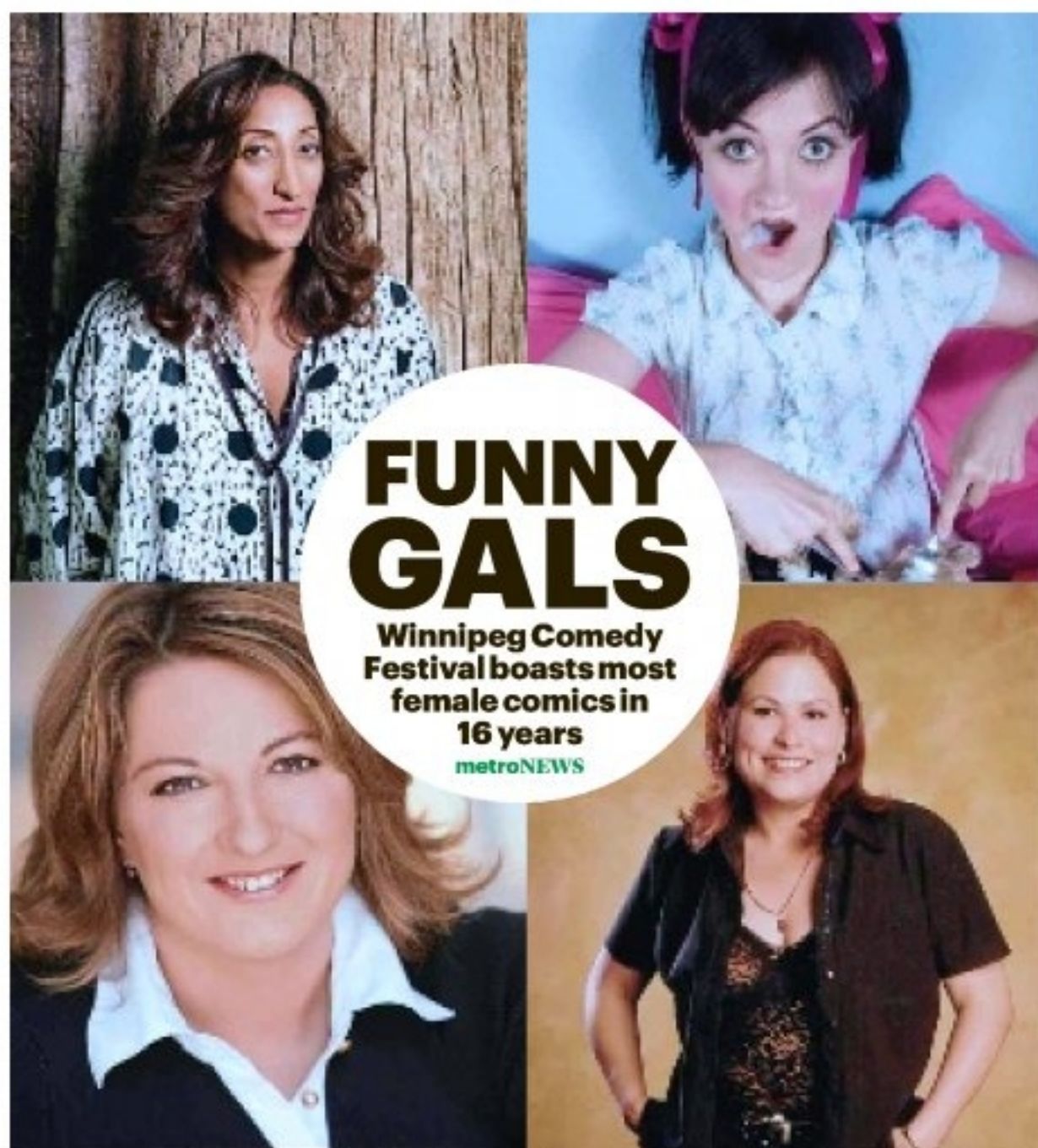
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Comics at the festival will include, clockwise from top left, Shazia Mirza, Nikki Payne, Martha Chaves and Jackie Kashian. MIRZA PHOTO: LINDA NYLIND; OTHERS CONTRIBUTED

Homes fortified, more sandbags at the ready

FLOOD DEFENCE

25 homes have dikes and another 25 may need them yet



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

A little more than two dozen properties have been turned into fortified sand(bag) castles as the City of Winnipeg continues to brace for the worst and hope for the best during the 2017 flood season.

Chris Carroll, manager of waste water services, said the city is "very well prepared to deal with the river conditions that we're seeing ... and the river conditions we expect to see."

Sandbag dikes were put in place over the weekend at 25 properties flood forecasters determined were in need of immediate sandbag protection.

Spokesperson Ken Allen said "things are going very well" on the

sandbag front overall, as city crews continue to work closely with property owners who are affected by current river levels.

"All of the sandbag dikes that needed to be completed are in place holding or ready to hold back water if that's required," he said.

Carroll noted there are "an additional 25 properties" on notice, where the risk is not quite immediate but could be in a hurry if precipitation raises river levels later this week.

Should those properties or any other require sandbagging, Allen said the city's sandbag reserve has already been sufficiently topped up.

"In terms of sandbag production crews were again busy overnight (Saturday) producing sandbags; we have now replenished the city's stockpile of sandbags and have 60,000 additional sandbags on hand," he said. "If additional sandbags are required, we can respond very quickly."

Looking forward, Carroll also said the "amount of precipitation that is in the forecast has been taken into consideration," and is not presently much of a concern.

Overall, "the river levels we are

seeing today are generally in line with what we see in the spring," he said. Not worse, not scary.


South Winnipeg Coun. Janice Lukes said she found that sentiment shared by homeowners who are often at risk of flooding and are once again this year, as she toured several properties in her area that required sandbags over the weekend.

"They've got their two-foot dike and they're good," she said. "I think in the big picture of what we've all experienced out here this is minor." Still, she said "there's always that apprehension."

For the most part it comes from the unknown or less predictable variables; sudden ice jams, high precipitation volumes or a string of hot days could change the flood outlook somewhat suddenly, "so you have to really be on it," Lukes said.

While it can be nerve-racking, she thinks it helps when people see city crews out staking and surveying constantly, or see how fast a dike can go up if it's needed.

"One we did yesterday it took no time to build," she said. "It's really quite amazing when you've got a lot of people."

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Matt Andersen ready for rare tribute to The Band at the Burt

MUSIC

Blues rocker in city with others for Last Waltz Remembered



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

Though he's become internationally known for his signature bluesy growl, Matt Andersen also excels at paying homage to the greats.

The New Brunswick-born blues artist has performed soulful covers of Bill Withers' 'Ain't No Sunshine' and Bruce Springsteen's 'I'm on Fire', while putting out nine albums of original material, most recently 2016's *Honest Man*.

On a break from touring solo, he's teamed up with Amy Helm and Corb Lund for a special tribute to The Band.

Forty years after The Last Waltz — The Band's farewell concert captured on film by a young Martin Scorsese — the musicians are marking the oc-

casation with four theatre shows across western Canada.

The first stop is in Winnipeg Monday night at the Burton Cummings Theatre, a perfect venue for the rare entertainment event, Andersen said.

The interview has been edited for clarity.

Metro: Why was it important to you to take a few days off from touring your own music to do this collaboration?

Matt Andersen: "It was more just the opportunity to do this show. It wasn't anything that I needed to take off my own time from. I've just always been a fan of that concert. Any Canadian musician, I think, growing up at some point has learned how to play 'The Weight' or something like that. So it was just great to be asked... I think it's just going to be a really cool project and a lot of fun to do."

Metro: Are you guys going to be reinterpreting this music to modernize it or would that be kind of sacrilegious to you?

MA: "We aren't going to try to go note for note. You want to make sure you play the parts that make the song the

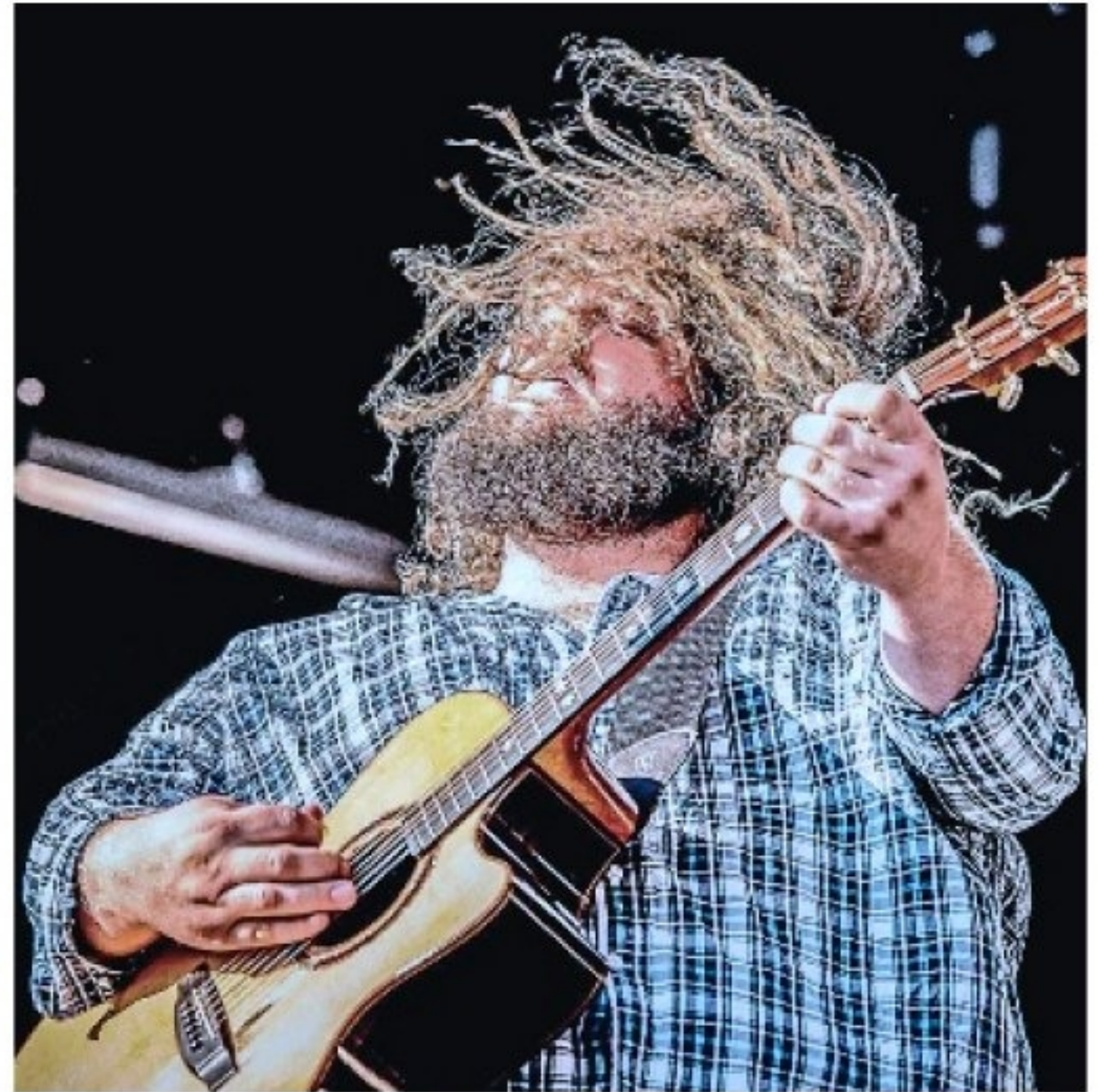
song. You don't want to take too many liberties and just suit yourself. We're going to ride that line I think of putting our own spin on stuff and still keeping pretty true to the original."

Metro: You've been through Winnipeg before and had lots of success here at the Folk Festival and elsewhere. Do you feel like you have a special connection to Winnipeg?

MA: "I always have a good time in Winnipeg. The Folk Fest is always fun and I did the West End Cultural Centre a couple times and the last couple times I've been in town, it's been the Burton Cummings and I love that theatre. It's one of my favourite spots anytime we tour through."

That theatre's just got such a great vibe. It's got a kind of rough, eerie vibe to it, which I like when I play a show. I really like that we're going back in there. I think also playing these songs in that kind of venue is how it's meant to be — what it's made for, really."

Matt Andersen, Amy Helm and Corb Lund perform *The Last Waltz Remembered* at the Burton Cummings Theatre Monday starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are still available through Ticketmaster for between \$39.50 and \$69.50.



Canadian blues singer/guitarist Matt Andersen, will join Corb Lund and Amy Helm in *The Last Waltz Remembered* which is a tribute to The Band. SEAN SISK/THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

“We’re going to ride that line I think of putting our own spin on stuff and still keeping pretty true to the original. Matt Andersen

RESCUE COMMUNITY

Working at animal shelters takes its toll on those who volunteer



Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

Many dive into the animal rescue community in Manitoba expecting it to be filled with big-hearted people, then find the humans involved are not treated well at all.

Robin Smyth was one of these people, and she's had to take a step back from animal rescue. As a vegan, she wants to protect and help all animals in need, but she doesn't want to have to do that at the expense of her own happiness. Smyth says she started off by volunteering for a rescue a few years ago, but later left

for another rescue because she didn't feel her time was valued.

"This last episode I had was with a local rescue where I offered to foster, and the dog had a contagious mite. And they placed it in my home without being vetted, and they promised they would vet the puppy before they dropped it off. But they didn't," Smyth says. It turned out to be sarcoptic mange, which set Smyth back more than \$100 when her dog caught it.

"(The director) fought back so hard against me, saying, 'I'm not doing anything to help you out. It's not my fault,'" Smyth says.

D'Arcy Johnston opened D'Arcy's Animal Rescue Centre



There are two sides to animal rescue. People don't always see the sad moments that employees do. ANIMAL SERVICES ADOPT-A-THON

(A.R.C.) 17 years ago, so he's seen a lot of the bad. He tries to hide that from the public in the back of his shelter, but volunteers

quickly get a look at the worst. "Up front, you see all the good things, the happy animals that are up for adoption," Johnston

says. "Then you go to the back and you see the animals that just arrived, the ones that were hit by cars, the ones that are having seizures, the ones that people have dumped at our front door."

He has an insurance package for staff that includes coverage of a therapist session each month, and he holds debriefing sessions after particularly upsetting situations arise at the shelter.

He says if there were more rules and regulations around animal rescue and more co-operation between the rescues, the overpopulation issue would get under control.

Rebecca Norman started Manitoba Mutts in 2011, because

there wasn't an all-breed rescue in the province at that time. She thinks another part of the issue is the lack of stringent laws on spaying and neutering dogs in rural communities.

She says rescues attract people who have been hurt in some way in the past who want to be able to help animals, but they're not equipped to handle it, which can lead to hoarding situations.

To anyone who wants to help, Norman says do your research to find an existing rescue with a good reputation.

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Serving up fresh ideas over coffee, doughnuts

BUSINESS

Planners hope workshop encourages innovation



Michelle Bailey

For Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeggers with fresh, hot, well-rounded ideas — ideas like doughnuts, so to speak — are being asked to share their thoughts on how to liven up the city's Exchange District.

Landscape architects, designers and planners from HTFC Planning & Design are teaming up with the owners of Bronuts Donuts + Coffee to host two "Trace the Exchange" workshops at the caf  s King Street location, April 3 and 10 at noon.

Inspired by a "whimsical" map of the area that currently hangs at Bronuts, HTFC planner Jason Syvixay said they wanted to create an interactive exercise that lets participants draw their ideas onto tracing paper and maps of the Exchange.

"The best ideas are hatched over coffee," Syvixay said. "Workshops like these present an opportunity to harness the creative energy of our community and to encourage greater participation towards collective visioning for the

future of our downtown."

The area is considered to be home to the highest concentration of artists, innovators and creative designers in the city.

Going green and working towards rebalancing the nature deficit by giving people reasons to spend time outside will be a key focus of the workshops, in addition to other design interventions to inspire people to visit the Exchange District.

"Making urban design accessible and participatory with these types of workshops help to get ideas percolating and makes everyone a part of the process," said Constantina Douvris, HTFC Senior Associate.

"We're eager to hear from the public — from walkability and cycle-friendliness to opening up Portage and Main and installing more patios — there is a lot of opportunity in downtown's Exchange District."

Those who want to participate online can share ideas and work of art on Instagram (tag @htfcwpg @bronutswpg @the_exchange_winnipeg) to be entered for a chance to win a box of doughnuts, sponsored by Exchange District BIZ.

"We can't wait to hear what people would like to see pop-up in the Exchange District," said Brett Zahari, Bronuts co-owner.

The workshops coincide with World Landscape Architects Month.



The best ideas are hatched over coffee.

Jason Syvixay



Brett Zahari, co-owner of Bronuts Donuts + Coffee in front of drawing that hangs in his caf   that serves as the inspiration for "Trace the Exchange" workshops. CONTRIBUTED

FLOOD UPDATE

Peguis First Nation evacuates

While Winnipeg dodges the worst of this flood season, other communities around the province aren't so lucky.

Overland flooding has forced residents of Peguis First Nation from their homes.

Red Cross spokesperson Jason Small confirmed Sunday that there were "more than 60 evacuees from Peguis" who have been evacuated to Winnipeg.

"We are expecting more... at this point I don't know how many more," he said.

Manitoba's Hydrologic Forecast Centre also reports overland flooding across much of southern Manitoba, as ice jams wreak havoc along major rivers and smaller tributaries alike.

Swan River, the rural municipalities (RM) of Two Borders, Dufferin, Grey and La Broquerie are in a state of emergency after ice jams triggered flooding over the weekend, while homes are also threatened in Petersfield by the quick and steady rise of the Netley Creek. Flood warnings are in effect for Swan River, Fisher River, the Morris River and Pipestone Creek.

The Pembina River, which flows into the Red River south of the border, is apparently stabilizing "as ice jamming is subsiding," which means the river is nearing its crest and should peak by April 7.

Provincial advice

The province advises to "be watchful of local waterways, as flood conditions can develop quickly."

Pro-tips in the latest flood bulletin include avoiding driving through moving water, avoiding fast-moving water in ditches, beware weak ice, and checking sump pumps and hoses to make sure they're functional. METRO

HISTORY

Debating the political rehabilitation of M  tis 'traitor' Louis Riel

History has been rewritten and much of the public's opinion has long since changed, but Louis Riel, the M  tis leader executed as a traitor in 1885, can still provoke a fight.

Now, though, more than 130 years after he was tried and hung for treason, it is the people he fought and died for who can't seem to agree on how — or even whether — to take the last step in his political rehabilitation.

In a statement to Torstar News Service, Heritage Minister M  lanie Joly's office acknowledged it is trying to determine how best to honour Riel.

"The ideals that Louis Riel

fought for — ideals of inclusiveness and equality — are the very same values on which we base our country's identity," spokesperson Pierre-Olivier Herbert said.

The campaign to exonerate Riel is being led by a francophone M  tis group in Manitoba, who want to see Canada use its 150th anniversary celebrations to right a historic wrong.

"Riel should receive a complete exoneration without any conditions," the group, L'Union nationale m  tis Saint-Joseph, which dates back to 1887, writes in a 70-page dossier submitted to the federal government

last year.

"The M  tis, agents of change and conduits between cultures who embodied Canadian values even before Canada formally existed, must receive justice and honour for Louis Riel, their

"It would be very unwise of them," warned David Chartrand, president of the Manitoba M  tis Federation.

"This would probably alleviate Canada's stress and pressure and guilt that they have

ing that Ottawa risks an implicit endorsement of armed rebellion against the forces of law and order by clearing Riel's conviction.

The M  tis National Council, which has represented M  tis organizations in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia since 1983, fears an exoneration would only be used to shift attention away from the more concrete and pressing demands of its people.

"We have nothing against honouring Louis Riel," said Cl  ment Chartier, the council president. "What we're opposed to is whitewashing history to

try to mask the grave injustice that was done not only to the M  tis nation but to Louis Riel."

He would rather see the favourable shift in public opinion toward the M  tis leader harnessed to address current issues.

"Even if they do these other things we still may not be favourable to an exoneration, by whatever terms they want to use," Chartier said. "We're not saying it's a quid pro quo. We're just saying let's rectify the wrongs. Let's not dwell on symbolism because symbolism is not going to feed our people or house our people or employ our people." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Let's not dwell on symbolism because symbolism is not going to feed our people. Cl  ment Chartier

leader," the group argues in the document.

Other M  tis groups are promising trouble if Ottawa dares make such a move without their consent.

maintained when the facts are very clear that they murdered this great leader. Exoneration is not about Riel. Exoneration is about Canada."

Riel's critics are also warn-

Festival celebrates diverse lineup

COMEDY

Event includes most women performing to date



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Comedy Festival is known for focusing on Canadian content, but in its 16th year, its diversity is also on full display.

Artistic director Lara Rae said this year's bill has the most female comics ever — close to 40 per cent — and a bevy of shows highlighting topical issues like immigration and cultural criticism.

Ali Hassan, the host of CBC Radio's Laugh Out Loud and Canada Reads, is presenting Muslim Interrupted on Wednesday at the West End Cultural Centre.

It's a one-man show exploring his personal take on Islam and the challenges of being a Muslim-Canadian.

And it's funny, he swears.

"It's a comedy show first and foremost. I'm not touring a Ted



Ali Hassan, left, and Ify Chiwetelu are part of the lineup for this year's Winnipeg Comedy Festival. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Talk here," Hassan said.

Muslim Interrupted was inspired by his kids' constant questioning about their religion.

"We were kind of in a period of self-discovery as a family and I think we'll always be at some level," he said.

"They inspired me to do this show, but they have not benefited in any way from this show. If anything, it's given me an excuse to leave the house and be away from their badgering

and incessant questions."

So far audiences have gotten a kick out of the show, though, likely because they're coming in with the intention of learning something new or wanting to feel uncomfortable, Hassan said.

"Especially if you do a one-person show, you have the ability to take people on a journey. If I'm in a comedy club and I start talking about 9/11, people will leave and with good reason," he said.

"On the other side, racists and



hecklers aren't coming to the show because that's an expensive proposition. You can heckle for much cheaper elsewhere."

Rae said she's also looking forward to Shazia Mirza's set, The Kardashians Made Me Do It. She called the Pakistani-British performer "one of the bravest and funniest comedians in the world."

"You'll have never seen anything like it in terms of the topics she covers," Rae said. "She is a fearless critic of the way that

+ FUNNY WOMEN

Funny females worth checking out:

Jen Grant will be performing at CBC Radio's The Debaters on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Club Regent Event Centre at 1425 Regent Ave.

The Feminist Gong Show at the West End Cultural Centre (586

Ellice Ave.) on Saturday will feature the likes of Carole Cunningham, Robby Hoffman and Ashley Moffatt, with Erica Sigurdson as host.

Also at the West End Cultural Centre, **Shazia Mirza** is bringing her hit stand-up show, The Kardashians Made Me Do It on Sunday at 3 p.m.

we're living today and across the cultural board, she leaves no stone unturned, so to speak — or no stoning unturned."

The festival also features a huge crop of local talent, with Winnipeg comics hosting seven Rumor's Comedy Club shows and appearing in the popular Upper Deck and Winnipeg Shows, among others.

After a strong showing at a local showcase, Andy Noble won the chance to perform at the Best of the Fest event at Club Regent Casino on Sunday alongside big names like Mirza, Nikki Payne and Glen Foster.

He said he's more excited than intimidated when it comes to stepping on stage with some of his favourite funny people.

"It's the one week every year where the locals especially get a chance to bring out their A game and they really get a chance to shine," Noble said.

All revenue generated from the Winnipeg Comedy Festival also stays in the community, supporting the Gas Station Arts Centre year-round, Rae said.

The comedy festival runs from Monday to Sunday. For more information, visit winnipegcomedyfestival.com.

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Immigrants back Indigenous Games

SPORTS

Latin American group helping find translators for global event



David P. Ball
Metro | Edmonton

When Ingrid Flores heard that this summer's nine-day World Indigenous Games hadn't yet secured the funding they hoped for, she saw a "once in a lifetime opportunity."

As founder and board member of Edmonton's Latin American Community Engagement Network (LACEN), Flores said many immigrants want to learn more about First Nations here.

But the sophomore championships, the first held two years ago in Brazil, are still short roughly \$4 million of their goal, the Games' acting executive direc-



Chief Wilton (Willie) Littlechild — Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations — first proposed a World Indigenous Nations Games in 1977. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

tor Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse said. Brazil's games cost \$30 million, she said; other global sporting events can clock in at a minimum \$14 million, and WIN Games planners hope for somewhere between the two.

"When I found out they're looking for funding, I asked,

"How do we help you guys make sure you have the best games you could possibly have?" Flores said. "They needed volunteers to help translate for the Latin American nations coming."

"Then they asked if we could help with Russian translation and we said we could just handle

finding the bilingual immigrant volunteer base they need."

And because many of the thousands of athletes and elders coming to Alberta from July 1-9 may only speak major world dialects as a second language, Flores is on the lookout for Edmontonians who actually speak some Indigenous mother tongues.

"It's a very unique opportunity in our own Latino community to get involved in something a lot of us will never see again in our lifetime," she said.

But Calahoo-Stonehouse said that while the help from LACEN has taken a huge burden off their shoulders, they are working to meet their financial goals. However the Games are "definitely happening."

"We're still working on it," said Calahoo-Stonehouse. "And we're still praying for a miracle."

"We're hopeful, because I truly believe the federal and provincial governments want to support Indigenous Peoples in what we see as reconciliation."

CULTURE

Culmination of a '40-year journey'

This August marks exactly 40 years since Chief Wilton Littlechild — a maverick athlete himself who's competed internationally in swimming, hockey and track — first pitched the idea at an international Indigenous conference in Sweden in 1977.

In fact, it was the World Indigenous Nations Games' host band, Enoch Cree Nation near Edmonton, that hosted the first regional competition that were the Games' forebear. So this July's event is a full circle for Littlechild.

"It's taken us a long while to realize them," the Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six Nations, said in an interview.

"We didn't anticipate the humongous work necessary to host a world games, so we broke it in pieces — starting with regional Indigenous games.

"The foundation needed to be built. Now, those regional games can now converge into the world games. I'm looking forward to it personally because it's been a 40-year journey, but the games can finally come back to Canada."

As Littlechild puts it, celebrating the wide range of global Indigenous cultures is at the heart of the Games he envisioned 40 years ago.

"It will be competitive of course," said the swimming champion, who just turned 73 and hopes to swim in this summer's Games.

"But it's really about a real celebration of our traditional games, not just a competition."

"That's what is really unique about this: these are games played by Indigenous Peoples around the world that no one else really sees."

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"We didn't anticipate the humongous work necessary."

Chief Wilton Littlechild



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Desperation sets in as flood death toll in Colombia tops 200

DISASTER

Search teams combing through debris for survivors

Townpeople desperately searched their ruined homes and the local hospital for loved ones Sunday after a torrent of water, mud and debris swept through a city in southern Colombia, causing more than 200 deaths, many of them children, and leaving hundreds more missing and injured.

Neighbourhoods were left strewn with rocks, wooden planks, tree limbs and brown muck after heavy rain caused the three rivers that surround Mocoa to rise up and surge through the city of 40,000 Friday night and early Saturday as people slept. The deluge smashed houses, tore trees out by the roots and washed cars and trucks away.

Search-and-rescue teams

combed through the debris and helped people who had been desperately clawing at huge mounds of mud by hand. Many had little left to search.

"People went to their houses and found nothing but the floor," said Gilma Diaz, a 42-year-old woman from another town who came to search for a cousin.

President Juan Manuel Santos, who visited Mocoa for a second straight day Sunday, declared the area a disaster zone and said the death toll stood at 210. But that was all but certain to rise because authorities said there were more than 200 injured, some in critical condition, and more than 200 others unaccounted for.

Dozens stood in the door of a hospital, hoping for news of family members who were not on the list of those confirmed dead or injured. Others frantically knocked on relatives'



Rescuers search for survivors in Mocoa, Colombia, Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

doors, hoping to find someone with information about their loved ones.

The disaster seemed to hit young people particularly hard. Santos said more than 40 of the dead identified so far were

under 18, perhaps because youngsters were already in bed when the floodwaters struck.

Maria Cordoba, a 52-year-old resident who was trying to wash her belongings in a river, said two of her nephews, ages 6 and 11, were killed when their house was destroyed.

"The mother as well was totally beaten up" but managed to save her 18-month-old baby,

she said.

Mocoa is vulnerable to flooding. It is surrounded by the three rivers in a natural basin created by the surrounding mountains.

The danger has grown worse in recent years because of deforestation, which eliminates some protection from runoff, and because many people built their homes close to the water.

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POLITICS

Brexit set to leave Gibraltar in limbo

Spain's top diplomat said Sunday that his government is urging the European Union to side with Madrid on the future of the British territory of Gibraltar, which lies at the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula and Spain has long sought to reclaim.

Spanish Foreign Minister Alfonso Dastis told Spanish newspaper El Pais that Madrid insists it should get a veto over any agreements regarding the strategic enclave as Britain prepares to leave the EU.

"We have spoken to our fellow (EU) members and institutions in recent weeks and have made clear Spain's position: when the U.K. leaves the EU, the member nation of the EU is Spain, and in the case of Gibraltar the EU is therefore obligated to side with Spain," Dastis said.

Brussels suggested last week that it was prepared to give Spain such a veto, angering and upsetting people in Gibraltar. Spain has long sought to regain control of the strategic territory that it has longed to reclaim since ceding its control to Britain in 1713.

British Prime Minister Theresa May on Sunday offered reassurances to Gibraltar that the UK remains steadfastly committed to the overseas territory and its 32,000 residents.

May's Downing Street office said that she phoned the chief minister of Gibraltar, Fabian Picardo, to assure him that Britain remains "absolutely dedicated to working with Gibraltar for the best possible outcome on Brexit and will continue to involve them fully in the process."

In the newspaper interview, Dastis said Spain would not close the border with Gibraltar after Britain leaves the EU. Such a move would threaten jobs on both sides.

"If London takes measures that hurt the rights of Europeans, we will do that same (with British residents in the EU)," he said. "We want a balanced, reasonable and thorough deal."

Spain also favours a "soft" Brexit that would allow the U.K. to keep at least some of its access to the lucrative common market, as opposed to its outright exclusion, he said, noting that the EU has such agreements with non-member nations Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

But those deals include the free movement of people among EU countries, something that the British government has pledged to stop once it withdraws from the bloc.

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STATEHOUSES

Black Lives Matter shifts focus

A new initiative launched by Black Lives Matter activists seeks to re-focus the movement's efforts on state capitols, building on momentum at the national level to push back against President Donald Trump's political agenda on issues such as policing and immigration.

The online platform OurStates.org is the latest indication that Democrats and left-leaning groups are turning their attention to statehouses after concluding that many of the policies they oppose are being enacted at the state level, since Congress has passed few major laws in recent years.

Despite the movement's national presence, it has not concentrated "on engaging and resisting what state legislatures are doing to essentially implement the same agenda," said Sam Sinyangwe, a data scientist with the project. "If we don't engage on the state level, many of the same rights we're fighting to protect will be restricted at the local level anyway."

Users visiting the site can choose categories and click on states to learn more about pending legislation. It has a guide for influencing lawmakers, directing people to ask for in-person meetings, present specific demands and track the progress of legislation. The site also suggests conducting protests in lawmakers' offices to apply pressure and get their attention.

Black Lives Matter grew out of the protests over the 2014 fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. Activists DeRay Mckesson and Brittany Packnett are behind the OurStates.org project and have created other online organizing tools to connect people to ways to continue the movement.

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CHICAGO

Police seek second teen in Facebook sex assault case

An arrest warrant has been issued for a second teenage boy in the sexual assault of a 15-year-old Chicago girl that was streamed live on Facebook, and further arrests are expected, police said. Police said they were looking for a 15-year-old suspect in the attack, which investigators have said involved five or six males. Investigators didn't specify how many others would be charged, but they did say an adult male was among them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Robo-advisers look for high net worth investors

INVESTING

Automated service started out targeting millennials

Most investors think so-called robo-advisers are for younger folks who don't have much money to invest, let alone pay the fees and commissions charged by traditional financial planners.

But these days the growing and competitive online portfolio management service — which is akin to investing on cruise control — is targeting high net worth investors to go robo too.

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They're moving into the high net worth realm.

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popped up in Canada in recent years, all aimed at making investing cheap and simple — which is not what is usually associated with six-figure-plus clients who often want the “more face-to-face and hand holding” of a human rather than virtual wealth manager, says Anthony Boright, president of InvestorCOM Inc.

“They started out targeting millennials and younger investors with smaller portfolios. Now they're clearly moving into the high net worth realm,” he says.

But that's not necessarily a bad thing for affluent investors — some of whom are young professionals too, he says. “A larger portfolio doesn't have to be a speculative portfolio where you're trading and trading and trading,” notes Boright.

Kyle Prevost, a millennial personal finance expert who created the popular youngand-thrifty.ca blog with buddy Justin Bouchard, says it's a natural progression of the niche digital financial planning world.

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REAL ESTATE

Watchdog removes 'ethnic' warning

Canada's money-laundering watchdog drafted a document warning the real estate sector to be on guard for “specific ethnic communities” dealing with terrorism and war, before removing the reference at the behest of an industry association, documents show.

Correspondence between Fintrac and the Canadian Real Estate Association, obtained through an Access to Information request, shows that the association was concerned that the reference would encourage agents to stop doing business with people based on their ethnicity.

The draft guidance document lists several examples of factors that may increase a company's risk of becoming entangled in financial crimes, including dealing with “a specific ethnic community that is currently dealing with specific events (e.g. prevalence of terrorism or money

laundering, war, etc.) in the home country.”

Such a reference would constitute a violation of the Human Rights Act, the real estate association said in its letter.

The federal agency says it was not referring to any particular ethnic community in the document.

“The intent of the guidance was to highlight, broadly, that regulated businesses may deal with clients that have a material connection to high-

risk jurisdictions or other jurisdictions that are currently dealing with specific events, including terrorism or money laundering, war, a



Fintrac recognized the potential for misinterpretation.

Renee Bercier

high level of corruption, or organized crime,” Fintrac spokeswoman Renee Bercier said.

“Fintrac chose to remove the terminology as it recognized the potential for misinterpretation and misrepresentation.”

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HOST: Steve Patterson

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No Bro Show

West End Cultural Centre | 7:30 pm | Tickets: \$20
HOST: Lara Rae

Feminist Gong Show

West End Cultural Centre | 9:30 pm | Tickets: \$20
HOST: Erica Sigurdson

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SUNDAY, APRIL 9

You're Welcome

West End Cultural Centre | 12 noon | Tickets: Free
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CBC's The Debaters

Club Regent Event Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: \$30
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Club Regent Event Centre | 7:00 pm | Tickets: \$25
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CAST: Glen Foster, Jeff McEnery, Matt Wright, Rob Pue, Nikki Payne, Shazia Mirza

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Monday, April 3, 2017

URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE



Dear Ellen,
 The prices for housing in B.C. are so high, I don't know how I could ever encourage the situation to change at city hall or otherwise. What can I do to make sure my future is more than renting for life?
 Priced Out

Dear Priced Out,
 I will begin with a warning: My advice is going to sound facetious and possibly hopeless, but it's based in truth. And part of that truth is: there's no easy answer to your question, so I'm going to give you difficult Big Picture advice, instead of fake Quick Fix advice.

To start, there's nothing wrong with renting for life, but, yes, there is something wrong when sky-rocketing house prices cut out an entire generation of working stiffs due to a wealthy, privileged echelon squeezing them out of the market. In fact, not even renters are safe — right now in Toronto, longtime tenants are being evicted so landlords can play shell games with existing, inadequate rules, and jack up rents down the line.

The problem here is simple and goes to the heart of both etiquette and social justice: greed.

There's nothing wrong with making money, and I certainly strive to maximize my own income in a

My advice is to stand up against such ill-mannered injustice.

THE QUESTION How can I help solve big, complex issues like sky-rocketing house prices?

DEAR HOUSING MARKET:



competitive freelance writing market. But when the game is fixed in favour of the already-wealthy, when patriarchal capitalists and free market propagandists profit off the backs of their fellow human beings, and accelerating income disparity actually kills people (see Stats Can for data on "decreased life expectancy" for "people with lower incomes") — well, that's just plain rude!

My advice is to stand up against such ill-mannered injustice: march peacefully, run for office, and/or support local candidates who support the entitlement of every person — regardless of origin or legal status — to clean drinking water, education, health care, freedom from violence and persecution, affordable shelter and freedom of expression.

Seriously, it's bad

manners to rip off the less fortunate, and it's good manners to give them a fair shake. And decent, well-behaved people know in their heart of hearts what that actually means when it comes to the rules and laws that govern the housing market, and everything else.

Need advice?
 Email Ellen:
 askellen@metronews.ca

VICKY MOCHAMA



Police 'solidarity' wristbands shut the public out

Members of the Ottawa police are sporting wristbands in solidarity with the officer charged in the death of Abdirahman Abdi.

In a sign that something rotten has been allowed to fester, orders are coming in from police officers across the country. Over 1,200 of them have been sold.

Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau has banned officers from wearing the wristbands while on duty and called on his force to consider the message the wristbands send to the community and the "long-term impact on public trust this could create," according to a CBC report.

What are these officers possibly thinking? A man is dead and they feel a need to wear a symbol of support for the person accused in his death? What sort of culture exists within policing that this can happen?

When did police officers start believing they were above us?

The drive to get justice for Abdi, a 37-year-old Somali man, is not solely about one man, nor is it solely about race. It is also about insisting on accountability and transparency from the public servants we entrust to stand between danger and us.

No one is saying the officer and his family don't deserve support. It is about trusting a judicial system, including law enforcement, to uphold the principles that govern our society.

It is the policing institutions and their leaders that have

created the "us versus them" mentality, and it is up to them to address it.

The offer to buy the wristbands circulated through senior levels of the Ottawa police, according to the Ottawa Citizen.

Aside from Bordeleau's ban and admonishment from the Ottawa Police Services Board, no senior officer has spoken out against the wristband sales. Some officers have only done so anonymously because they fear reprisals from their own colleagues.

A culture of silence within the ranks is troubling.

By wearing wristbands in solidarity with an officer who has been accused of a serious crime, police officers in Ottawa and across the country are sending a message that they effectively stand against the people they serve. They stand against us.

That isn't just "us" as black and racialized people. For this group — my community — that trust has always stood on shaky ground; the police have, in many instances, been the violent manifestation of white supremacy.

Rather, I think more of "us" — that is, citizens (and indeed, non-citizens in this country) — who believe that no one should be above the law.

There needs to be a cultural change within police. Officers need to remember, and to be reminded, that they are primarily servants to the public.

At their best, they are role models.

They should stand in solidarity with us.

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MUSIC

Youth to fore, Trudeau toasts departed Cohen

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asked for it, Bryan Adams delivered.

Sunday night's Juno Awards opened with a skit that had the prime minister phoning in a request for Summer of '69 and the show closed with an all-star performance that also included Sarah McLachlan, Alessia Cara and members of rock bands Billy Talent and the Arkells.

Earlier, the show mixed comedy from co-host Russell Peters and sombre tributes to two of the year's big winners, Gord Downie and the late Leonard Cohen.

Cohen won album of the year for *You Want It Darker*, making it the second posthumous Juno honour for Montreal's poet laureate. Cohen, who died in November, also won artist of the year during a gala dinner on Saturday.

Trudeau introduced a tribute performance for Cohen — who he called "one of the greatest artists Canada has ever produced" — by recalling when the Montreal poet-songwriter was an honorary pallbearer for his

father Pierre Trudeau's funeral.

"I remember a gathering the night before the funeral.... That was the night I learned Leonard — a great man — but not a big hugger."

Feist performed a cover of Cohen's 1967 song *Hey, That's No Way To Say Goodbye*, backed by a slideshow of black and white photos of the musician.

Downie did not attend the show but appeared in a pre-recorded acceptance speech after being named the winner of the songwriter of the year Juno for his *Secret Path* solo project, which recounts the life of 12-year-old Chanie Wenjack, who died

in 1966 after running away from a residential school. *Secret Path* also won the best adult alternative album and recording package of the year awards.

"Thank you for stepping into the wind, for following the sound you've been sort of hearing your entire life. For looking to see what has been bothering you a little bit," Downie said in a pre-recorded acceptance speech for the songwriter award.

Despite being nominated for five Junos on the back of his hit album *Views*, Toronto rapper Drake — who didn't attend the ceremony — didn't pick up a single award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1 On a night when Canadian music's youth shone in many of the major categories, **Shawn Mendes** took home his first Juno when he won the Fan Choice Award.

2 A moving musical tribute to the late **Leonard Cohen** was spearheaded by indie pop singer **Feist**; the singer-songwriter, who died in November, won the Junos for album of the year and artist of the year.

3 **Alessia Cara** gave a shout out to her home town of Brampton, Ont. after she took home the Juno for pop album of the year for *Know It All*.

4 Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** and wife **Sophie Grégoire Trudeau** took to the stage to introduce the Leonard Cohen tribute segment.

5 Rock group **The Strumbellas** took single of the year for their smash hit *Spirits*, which they performed live.



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Automation is taking on even the most complex tasks

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Think about your job duties. How much of your work is exactly the same, day after day?

Chances are that repetitive, somewhat mindless tasks take up a good part of your time. And that, says Sunil Johal, who studies workforce automation as Policy Director at the University of Toronto's Mowat Centre, means you're at risk of being at least partially replaced by a computer or a robot.

"Generally speaking, the more your occupation is involved in highly routinized functions, the more likely it is that you are at risk of your job being automated or migrated online," he said.

Sure, no machine can replicate the human side of your job, he added. But "a slow, creeping byproduct of automation is people shifting into

Beware....robots are coming for your job



Earlier this year, the head of the Canadian government's economic growth advisory council warned that up to 40 per cent of the country's jobs could disappear within the next decade due to technology automating so many jobs. ISTOCK

roles that (are) complementary to technology rather than in direct competition with it."

A robot teacher can't comfort a crying child. But it can teach her to hold basic, natural conversations in French, Chinese, Spanish or Norwegian. There's an app for that, several actually, and they're pretty effective. Also free.

A computer wouldn't be very convincing (yet) standing up and arguing on your behalf in court. But it can pore over thousands of digital documents, flag potentially relevant ones and organize the results — automating a lot of legal legwork.

An overlooked aspect of this trend, Johal said, is the advent of artificial intelligence and machine learning. Increasingly complex tasks are being automated. Even if a computer can't do your job just yet, it

may be able to teach itself to do it.

The bottom line, he explained, is there will be less work to go around. And the consequences of that may not be what we expect.

"In some cases, that will mean doing different types of work, in some cases that will mean doing less work, and in some cases that will mean your work will no longer exist in that field and you may need to retrain," he said.

Consider the changes in the banking industry. Three-quarters of Canadians now do most of their banking online.

Bank tellers, Johal said, belong to a group of vanishing "pseudo white-collar" jobs that don't require a diploma or degree. And their work is re-

petitive — a prime candidate for automation.

But teller jobs haven't disappeared. They've just declined, and their duties have radically changed.

Bank branches, in the words of Bharat Masrani, the CEO of TD Bank, have become "a sales machine." And all of Canada's Big Five banks have adapted their sales and customer service practices.

Linda*, who started as a teller at a financial services trust in Mississauga, Ont. in 1989, saw the transition first-hand. Back then, ATMs could take deposits and spit out money, but that was about it.

"We were pretty much order-takers. There wasn't a focus on selling at that time," Linda said.

That changed around the turn of the millennium, and it coincided with the company being bought out by a huge, high-tech, modern bank.

By the time Linda left her job as a manager in 2015, the sales machine was a finely tuned, automated money-maker.

All day, messages pop up on tellers' computers, encouraging them to sell.

"Algorithms built into the system looked at a customer's



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Sunil Johal,
University of Toronto's
Mowat Centre

profile and would say, 'Talk about a line of credit' or 'Talk about overdraft protection,'" Linda said.

If you look at the technological changes from a bank's perspective, the trend towards high-pressure selling makes some intuitive sense, Johal said.

"They're starting to think about well, if we have these folks on staff, and we don't need them to do these fairly routine functions, can we get them involved more on the sales side, on the customer service side," he said.

"We're in the midst of a dramatic transformation in a number of different sectors and banking is just one of them."

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1 The therapy bot

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"focus on the present moment," applies to everybody.

2 The doctor bot

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3 The lawyer bot

DoNotPay (pictured left) is a free Facebook Messenger-based chatbot. It was created by 20-year-old Stanford University student Joshua Browder. It asks users simple questions in plain English, then uses their answers to automatically fill out legal forms and generate legal letters. It has already written letters that have overturned 160,000 parking fines. Now it's being used in the U.S., Canada and the U.K. to process refugees' asylum claims. GENNA BUCK/METRO



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WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Rishi Maharaj, 26, site engineer, ENGIE Wind Farm, Port Hardy B.C.

I studied engineering at the University of Toronto, and I focused on electrical energy engineering systems. I worked for Toronto Hydro during my co-op, so I got some experience with the electrical industry. It's a fairly stable industry — and one of the good things about it is you can go anywhere in North America because the utility industry is very similar wherever you go.

A few years after graduation, I saw a job posting for a wind farm in B.C., and I thought that it might be fun. On our site, we have 55 wind turbines. At a traditional power plant, you might have one really large generator and you have scheduled shut downs (for maintenance) every five years, maybe once a decade.

At a wind power plant, because they're much smaller generators, when we take one down we lose less than two per cent of our power generating capabilities. So, each day we probably have one or two turbines that are



undergoing scheduled maintenance in the generator or at the top of the tower (which means climbing the tower).

I also oversee the seven or eight technicians that work on the site. So, I plan the long-term maintenance for the year, manage the budget, and watch higher-level issues, like repeated part failures,

so we can stop bigger problems before the start.

I love my job because I'm not in an office all the time (It takes an hour to drive across this wind farm! I get to work outside a lot). I also have the freedom to do the work I do. We're 4,000 km away from head office — no one really bothers me and says "do it this way." There's no office politics out here.



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HOW TO START

The wind power industry is still in its infancy, and as a result there aren't a lot of training programs for it. At a minimum, people interested in this field need their high school diplomas, though many positions require some form of advanced degree or diploma. People interested in the field can study electrical engineering at any university offering bachelors in engineering. Western University and Waterloo also offer specialized programs in wind farm energy. Alternatively, some colleges, such as Lethbridge College or Kingston's St. Lawrence College, offer wind turbine or renewable energy technician programs. However, since the industry is still fairly new, on-the-job training is common. Wind turbine specialists also often need a valid driver's license and basic first aid training. They should be comfortable with confined spaces and heights.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

The wind farm industry is growing at an average rate of 18 per cent per year in Canada, making it one of the fastest growing energy sectors in the country. As a result, there are opportunities in each province. With more than 2,000 turbines, Ontario has the highest concentration of farms, followed by Quebec and Alberta. Both Saskatchewan and B.C. have pledged to increase their commitment to renewable energy with plans to grow their wind farms specifically, so there will be growth in those regions as well.

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MLB Donaldson looks to improve his all-star stats

Josh Donaldson's name has already been a part of the most successful seasons the Blue Jays have had since their World Series glory a quarter of a century ago.

He arrived from Oakland in 2015, gave Toronto its first American League most valuable player since George Bell in 1987, and helped turn the dreams of a return to the post-season into reality, with appearances in the American League Championship Series both years.

There's no questioning his impact, and there's little doubt how much the Jays will count on him in 2017. The question is whether he remains in Toronto beyond 2018.

That possible departure is still two full seasons away but, unlike the relatively quiet markets for Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion this off-season, most major-league teams will be lining up for a potential star-studded free-agent class of Donaldson, Manny Machado and Bryce Harper.

Donaldson will be 33 in the winter of 2018, and the Jays will likely still have money tied up in catcher Russell Martin and shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, so there may be front-office discussions on whether the Jays will be willing to pony up for the third baseman.

But while the Jays, and everyone else, shied away from 30-homer-plus power hitters this winter, Donaldson should be an exception to the rule.

He is one of the game's offen-



The Blue Jays have come to rely on third baseman Josh Donaldson to set the tone with his intensity and his bat. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ ROSTER MOVES

Blue Jays place Osuna on DL, release Upton

The Blue Jays finalized their opening day roster Sunday, placing closer Roberto Osuna on the 10-day disabled list with a sore neck and releasing outfielder Melvin Upton Jr.

Right-hander Dominic Leone was recalled from Triple-A to take Osuna's roster spot.

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sive models. His MVP status and a career 32.5 WAR (wins above replacement) are indicative of his elite status among major-leaguers but it is his dedication to improving himself that impresses most.

"Watching J.D. take the field every day, the intensity and passion he plays with, sets the tone

for younger guys either on our team, or in the organization," Tulowitzki said. "He has a big personality, he definitely has fun, but he locks in when it comes time to play."

Donaldson brings an intriguing mix: intensely competitive, fearless, intelligent, and outspoken when he needs to be.

"He's one of the smartest hitters in our room," infielder Ryan Goins said. "He knows himself inside out but he challenges you with things that work for you, and he challenges you in ways not many can."

Donaldson certainly feels he can get better after winning the MVP award in 2015 and finishing fourth in the voting last year. His numbers in two seasons with the Jays, though — a .291 average, a .946 OPS, 78 homers and 222 RBIs — will be tough to improve on.

"One hundred per cent, I believe I can," Donaldson said. "If I stay healthy and if I continue to do the things I'm doing, and strive to get better, then I think I can get better ... numbers-wise, and just helping us win more."

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Bumgarner a Giant at the plate

Leave it to Madison Bumgarner to get baseball off to a smashing start.

Before the World Series champion Chicago Cubs took the field and after the New York Yankees lost their sixth straight opener, Bumgarner struck.

The San Francisco ace, known for his dominant pitching in October, provided an Opening Day jolt by hitting not

one, but two home runs Sunday for the Giants in a 6-5 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

On the mound, Bumgarner pitched five perfect innings before getting tagged for a three-run sixth inning.

The D-Backs walked off with the win in the bottom of the ninth when Daniel Descalso scored on Chris Owings' single.

The Cubs opened Sunday

night at St. Louis, and fans of the longtime rivals mixed and mingled outside Busch Stadium.

Showing that spring training stats often don't mean much, the Yankees — who had the best record in exhibition play — and ace Masahiro Tanaka — who had the top ERA — got roughed up by the Tampa Bay Rays, 7-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner hit a pair of home runs on Sunday in Phoenix.

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NHL

Bruins leapfrog past Leafs and Sens

Bruins backup Anton Khudobin not only gave No. 1 goalie Tuukka Rask a day off, he helped Boston take a big step toward the playoffs.

Khudobin made 41 saves to win his sixth consecutive start, and Boston held off the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 on Sunday for its season-high fifth straight victory.

Ryan Spooner and Patrice Bergeron and Kevan Miller scored for the Bruins, who jumped over idle Toronto and Ottawa into second place in the Atlantic Division. Boston began the day in wild-card position, four points ahead of Tampa Bay for the

final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Khudobin, who wasn't beaten until the Blackhawks' 25th shot on a fluky play, was at his best in the first period and down the stretch when Chicago pressured to tie it.

"He's in there battling, working to find pucks, working to keep it out of the net, whether he has to use his head, his pads, his body, his legs, whatever it is," said Bruins interim coach Bruce Cassidy, whose team played its final regular-season road game. "You can't say enough. I think the guys respond to that."

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HOCKEY

Canada reeling on brink of elimination

The Canadian women's hockey team used Sunday to hit the reset button after opening the world championship with back-to-back losses.

Effort wasn't the problem. Execution was in Finland's first-ever win over Canada by a score of 4-3 on Saturday, as well as Canada's 2-0 loss to the U.S. to open the tournament Friday.

What had been a scheduled day off from the ice for the Canadian players remained that Sunday.

The women rested at their hotel or spent time with friends and family before reconvening later in the afternoon to prepare for Monday's game against Russia (1-1).



Meghan Agosta
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"We're not getting the bounces that we do, or we have," forward Meghan Agosta said.

"It's just been tough hockey. We've just got to figure it out, come back together as a team today."

"This is a test. This is a test for Canada. I believe in the girls and I know we believe in each other. We have a lot of skill and a lot of talent on this team. I know we could definitely play better."

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IN BRIEF

Canada routs Russia at curling worlds

Canada's Brad Gushue defeated Russia's Alexey Stukalskiy 11-3 in round-robin play Sunday morning at the world men's curling championship.

Two more draws were scheduled for later Sunday at the Northlands Coliseum with Canada against Sweden's Niklas Edin in the late draw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arsenal salvages draw against Manchester City

Arsenal twice fought back to hold Manchester City 2-2 in the Premier League on Sunday after the attacking resilience of Arsene Wenger's side was undermined by defensive deficiencies.

Arsenal, with a game in hand, remains seven points behind fourth-placed City.

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Delicious Almond Joy Smoothie



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The protein you get from Greek yogurt and almond butter is a great way to start a morning with energy that will keep you going. And we would not be mad if we added a shot of espresso.

Ready in 5 minutes

Prep time 5 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup Greek style yogurt
- 1/4 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1 1/4 cups chocolate soy milk
- 3/4 cup almond butter

Directions

1. Throw the yogurt, coconut, soy milk and almond butter in the blender and whiz until mixed. Pour, serve and go.

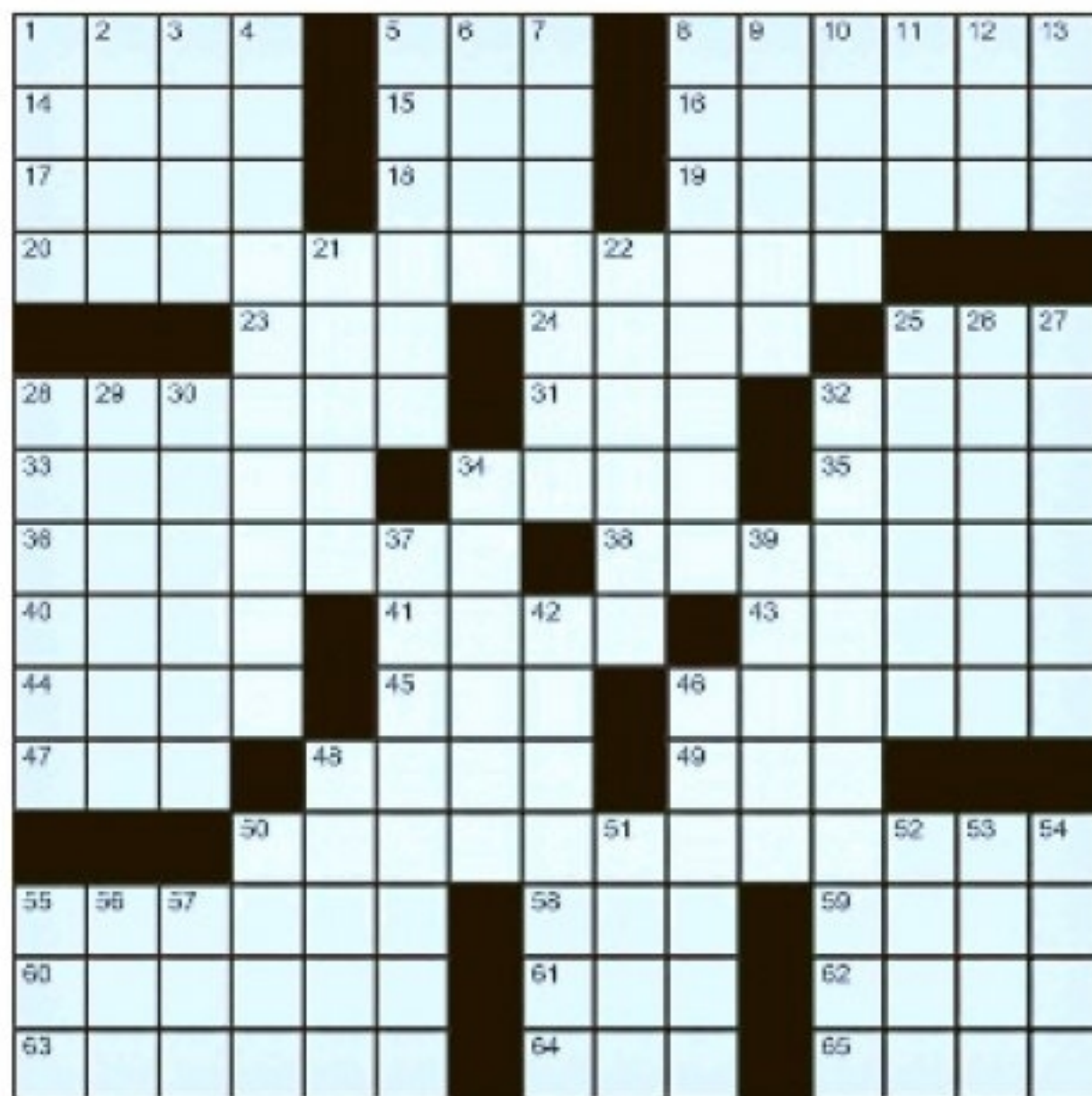
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

- "When pigs fly!": 2 wds.
- "The Young Pope" ailer
- Kind of demure
- Songbook standard: "___ Smile Be Your Umbrella"
- ___-Rock (Music genre)
- Portage ___ in Winnipeg
- Sort of sporty spirit
- Roosted
- Topped out
- They shall yield May flowers: 2 wds.
- Modern-day snicker
- Vinegar variety
- 1979: "___ Eyes" by Robert John
- The yang to Dr. Jekyll's yin: 2 wds.
- Logging tool
- Equivalent
- "10 Things ___ About You" (1999)
- Dither
- Asset
- Innovative/original
- Champion a cause
- Ready. Willing. ___
- Back
- "Sea" mammal
- British running great Sebastian's
- Ms. Ryan
- "This Guy's in Love with You" by Herb ___
- Proof of passengership, puny-ly
- Gym jumper's need



- Train's one-of-some
- This city in Quebec on Osisko Lake has a hyphenated name
- Rigidity
- Val: ___ Quebec
- Carpeting material
- Soar like man-

- kind
- ___-Margret
- Buzz Aldrin's employer, famously
- Was in the waiting
- Hences
- Tom Jones: "___ a Lady"

DOWN

- BC neighbour
- Permeate
- News agency in Russia, ___TASS
- Michael J. Fox sitcom: 2 wds.
- Inconvenience
- Dull
- Armchair's foot-

- stool
- Quaint just-covering-the-shoulders garbs
- Obvious
- Those who support the legislation might give them
- Tattoo artist's supply
- "Glee" char-

- acter played by Jane Lynch
- "I Guess ___ Rather Be in Colorado" by John Denver
- Shade of green
- More like a candle's material
- Show respect as a soldier
- Funny entertainer
- Gobi ___
- Way to win a Razzie Award
- Antelope of South Africa
- Prince of Denmark
- Shrimp of British Columbia: 2 wds.
- Reaching for REM
- Super-shielded as some guards
- ___ opposites
- They contain appointments, meetings, luncheons, etc.
- Squirrel sustenances
- Explorer's course
- On the ___ to recovery
- ___ (Hair removal tool advertised on TV)
- "ER" star Mr. Wyle
- Serving of reality
- Regrettably
- Drake's music style
- "All ___ Got to Do" by The Beatles
- "Follow You Down" by ___ Blossoms

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
A family discussion with a female relative will be lively today. This is a good day for dealing with family matters and anything pertaining to the home or perhaps a parent.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You feel personal about your possessions today, which is why you won't want to lend anything to anyone. Be careful when out shopping, because your common sense is weak.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You have definite moneymaking ideas today and ideas about how you want to spend money. Just be careful that you don't go overboard. Use caution.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today the Moon is in your sign, which empowers you, but also makes you a bit more emotional than usual. Don't get carried away with anything, especially this evening.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You will prefer to work alone or behind the scenes today, because it feels better. You have been out there flying your colors, and today you need a break.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A conversation with a female friend will be important today. Why not share your hopes and dreams for the future with this person to get her feedback?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Whatever you do today, you will be a bit high-viz, especially in the eyes of parents, bosses and VIPs — including the police. Just be aware of this. (No public fights in elevators.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you can travel anywhere today, even just a short trip, it will please you because you need a change of scenery. Visit galleries, museums and "different" places.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's a good day for important discussions about taxes, debt, shared property and inheritances. You are cooperative, and this is good. However, don't give away the farm.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your co-operation with others is necessary today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. This is something you can handle easily. Relax.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do something today to make you feel better organized. Set aside 15 minutes to tidy your workstation or where you live. Do something now, because you will like yourself for it later.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Take a long lunch today or spend time participating in playful activities with children. Sports, the arts and musical performances also will please you. It's a good date day.

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